## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A switch device having a reduced number of components while reducing the difference between the forces required to operate switches in different directions. The switch device includes a first switch, a second switch, a button, and a pusher. Inclination of the button in the first direction to a first operation position solely activates the first switch. Further inclination of the button in the first direction to a second operation position activates the second switch in addition to the first switch. Inclination of the button in the second direction to a third operation position solely activates the second switch. Further inclination of the button in the second direction to a fourth operation position activates the first switch in addition to the second switch.

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